

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A control method of controlling a second device connected to a first device, comprising:

executing a first program inputted to said first device from the outside; and

executing a second program prepared beforehand in said first device, wherein

~~the execution of said second program is being~~ operable to select a most desirable device as said second device from among a plurality of devices connected to said first device without a selection input from a user and to obtain device information for the most desirable device, and

said first program is operable to be executed using the device information for the most desirable device.

2. (previously presented) A control method according to claim 1, wherein the execution of said second program selects said second device when information concerning said second device is not stored in a storage unit of said first device.

3. (previously presented) A control method according to claim 1, wherein the execution of said second program selects said second device when a device instructed by information stored in a storage unit of said first device is not connected to said first device.

4. (previously presented) A control method according to claim 1, wherein a storage unit stores device type information for the plurality of devices connected to said first device, and execution of said first or second program is operable to select the most desirable device as said second device based on the device type indicated by said first or second program.

5.(previously presented) A control method according to claim 1, wherein the device information obtained by executing said second program is identification code information corresponding to said second device.

6.(previously presented) A control method according to claim 1, wherein execution of said second program enables said second device to process data, said second device being connected to said first device through a bus line of a predetermined format.

7.(previously presented) A control method according to claim 1, wherein said second program sets information concerning said second device by a predetermined input operation.

8.(previously presented) A control method according to claim 1, wherein said first program is transmitted through predetermined broadcast waves to said first device.

9.(previously presented) A control method according to claim 1, wherein said first program is transmitted through a wired broadcast to said first device.

10.(currently amended) A control method of controlling a second device connected to a first device, comprising:

executing a first program inputted to said first device from the outside; and

executing a second program prepared beforehand in said first device, the second program being operable to select a most desirable device as said second device from among a plurality of devices connected to said first device without a selection input from a user when executed, wherein

when control of said second device is ended due to an abnormality, information concerning said second device that was obtained during execution of said second program is stored in a storage unit of said first device and the next time said first device selects a controlled device, said controlled device is selected based upon the information stored in said storage unit.

11.(currently amended) Control equipment, comprising:  
a first storage unit for storing a first program inputted from the outside;  
a second storage unit for storing a second program prepared beforehand and which is activated by said first program; and  
a processor that executes said first and second programs stored in said first and second storage units, wherein  
~~the execution of said second program is being~~ operable to select a most desirable device from among a plurality of devices connected to the control equipment without a selection input from a user and to obtain information for the most desirable device, and  
the most desirable device is operable to be controlled based on the obtained information.

12.(currently amended) Control equipment according to claim 11, wherein said processor selects the most desirable device from the plurality of devices when information of a controlled device is not stored in said second storage ~~section~~unit.

13.(previously presented) Control equipment according to claim 11, wherein said processor selects the most desirable device from other devices among the plurality of devices when a

device stored in said second storage unit is not connected as a controlled device.

14.(previously presented) Control equipment according to claim 11, wherein said second storage unit stores device type information for each of the plurality of devices and said processor selects the most desirable device based on the device type indicated by said first or second program.

15.(previously presented) Control equipment according to claim 11, wherein the information obtained for the most desirable device when said processor executes said second program is an identification code corresponding to the most desirable device.

16.(previously presented) Control equipment according to claim 11, further comprising an interface unit for communicating with said processor, wherein said processor obtains the information for the most desirable device through said interface unit and the most desirable device is controlled by said control equipment through said interface unit.

17.(previously presented) Control equipment according to claim 11, further comprising:

an input unit for inputting the information concerning the most desirable device; and

a remote control signal output unit for outputting a remote control signal of a predetermined format in response to a command from said processor, wherein

said processor obtains the information for the most desirable device from said input unit and said processor generates the remote control signal based on the obtained information.

18.(previously presented) Control equipment according to claim 11, further comprising a receiver operable to receive a broadcast signal of a predetermined format, wherein said first program is contained in the broadcast signal and stored in said first storage unit.

19.(previously presented) Control equipment according to claim 18, wherein said receiver receives a satellite broadcast signal relayed by a predetermined satellite.

20.(currently amended) Control equipment according to claim 18, wherein said ~~reeciever~~receiver receives a signal transmitted by a wired broadcast.

21.(currently amended) Control equipment, comprising:  
a first storage unit for storing a first program inputted from the outside;

a second storage unit for storing a second program prepared beforehand and which is activated by said first program; and

a processor in which said first and second programs are executed, wherein

~~execution of~~ said second program is operable to obtain information from a plurality of devices and is operable to select a most desirable device from said plurality of devices without a selection input from a user, and the most desirable device is operable to be controlled based on the obtained information, and

when control of the most desirable device is ended due to an abnormality, said processor selects the most desirable device the next time said control equipment selects a device to be controlled.